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RE: Amendment 10 to Rural, Non-MPO Portion of the 2002-2004 FSTIP, for Madera County

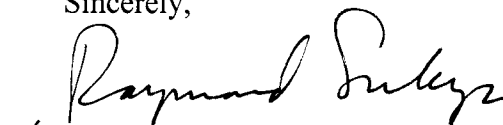
Dear Mr. Nicholas:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 10 to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization portion of the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. This amendment applies specifically to Madera County, consistent with your letter of August 1, 2003 regarding this amendment.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The elements of this amendment are categorically exempt from a regional air quality analysis and do not affect the existing air quality conformity determination. Our approval is based on Caltrans assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP financial plan.

This letter also constitutes approval of the amendment with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


for Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

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